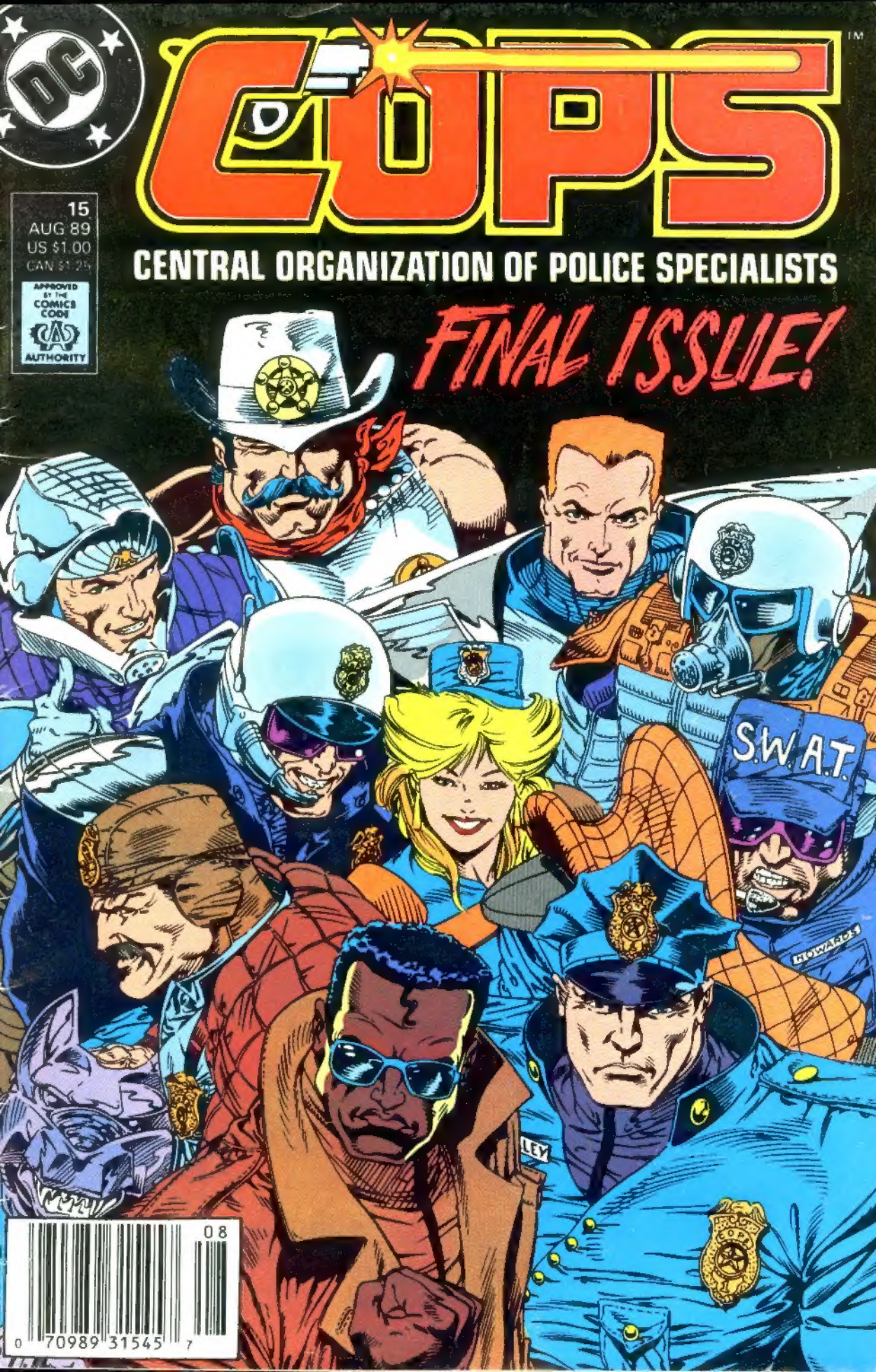
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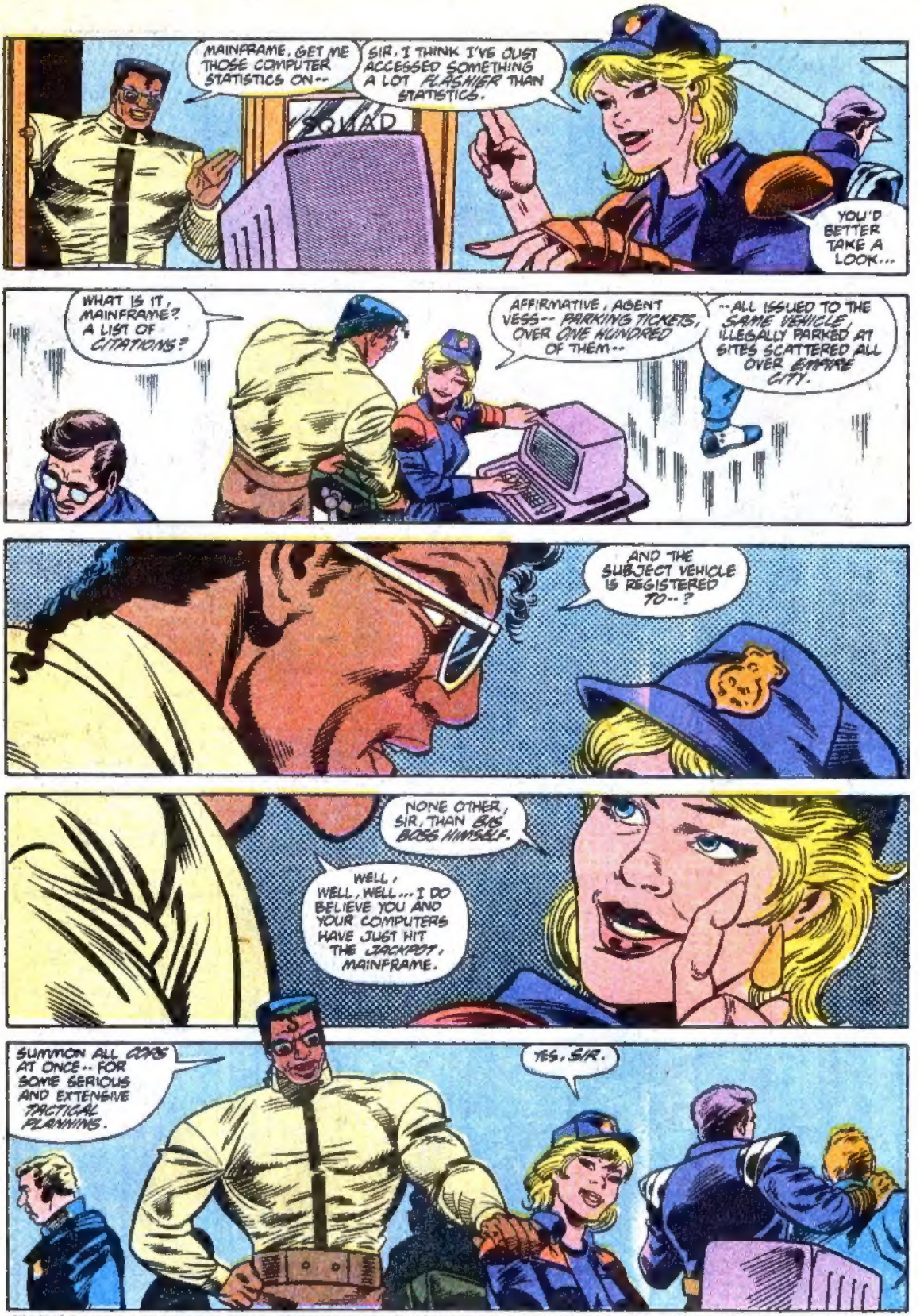
MAINFRAME, GET ME THOSE COMPUTER STATISTICS ON--
SIR, I THINK I'VE JUST ACCESSED SOMETHING A LOT FLASHIER THAN STATISTICS.
SQUAD
YOU'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK...
WHAT IS IT, MAINFRAME? A LIST OF CITATIONS?
AFFIRMATIVE, AGENT VESS-- PARKING TICKETS, OVER ONE HUNDRED OF THEM--
--ALL ISSUED TO THE SAME VEHICLE, ILLEGALLY PARKED AT SITES SCATTERED ALL OVER EMPIRE CITY.
AND THE SUBJECT VEHICLE IS REGISTERED TO--?
NONE OTHER, SIR, THAN BIG BOSS HIMSELF.
WELL, WELL, WELL... I DO BELIEVE YOU AND YOUR COMPUTERS HAVE JUST HIT THE JACKPOT, MAINFRAME.
SUMMON ALL COPS AT ONCE-- FOR SOME SERIOUS AND EXTENSIVE TACTICAL PLANNING.
YES, SIR.

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NOW, DELINQUENT PARKING TICKETS MAY NOT RANK WITH TAX EVASION... BUT AS SOMETHING WE CAN FINALLY PIN ON BIG BOSS, THEY'LL DO.
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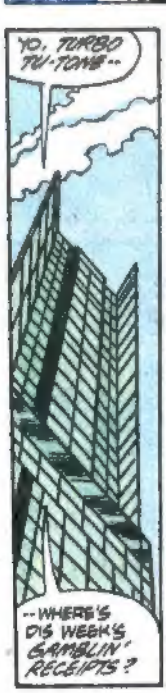
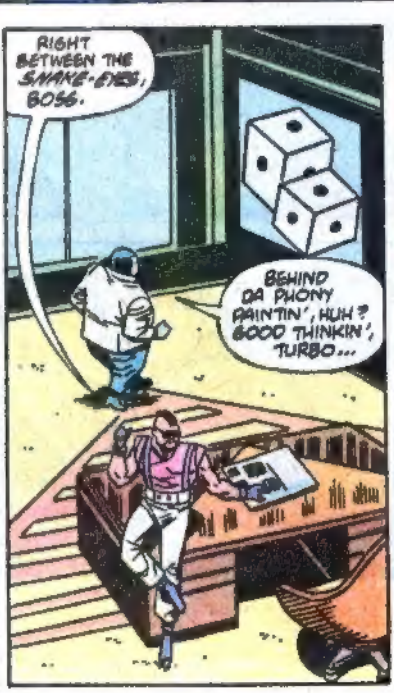

YO, TURBO TU-TONE--
--WHERE'S DIS WEEK'S GAMBLIN' RECEIPTS?


RIGHT BETWEEN THE SNAKE-EYES, BOSS.
BEHIND DA PHONY PAINTIN', HUH? GOOD THINKIN', TURBO...

WHAT DA--? PARKIN' CITATIONS--?

SHEESH! THERE MUST BE OVER A NUMBERT OF THE LOUSY THINGS!
UH, ACTUALLY... ONE-HUNDRED THIRTEEN... AT, UH, LAST COUNT...
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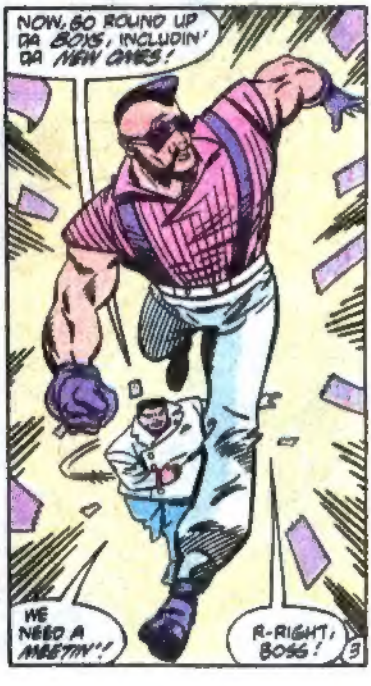
YOU MEAN... WE CAN FINALLY HIT BIG BOSS WHERE HE LIVES? WE CAN GO RIGHT TO HIS PENTHOUSE... AND... AND ARREST HIM?!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I MEAN, HARDTOP. WE ARE ABOUT TO PLAN, COORDINATE, AND EXECUTE...
"OPERATION: BIG BUST!"

WHAT IS DIS--? EVERY ONE O' DESE TICKETS IS OVERDUE?
YOU DIDN'T FIX A SINGLE ONE OF 'EM?
UH, WELL, BOSS...
I...I'VE BEEN MEANING TO GET AROUND TO IT, BUT IT MUST'VE S-SLIPPED MY M-MIND...

TURBO, TURBO, TURBO... AS MY DRIVER, IF YOU WASN'T SUCH A GOOD HAND ON DA STEERIN' WHEEL, I'D EAT EVERY ONE O' YER KNUCKLES!


NOW, GO ROUND UP DA BOYS, INCLUDIN' DA NEW ONES!
WE NEED A MEETIN'!
R-RIGHT, BOSS!

AT THE 64TH PRECINCT, AFTER AN INTENSIVE ALL-NIGHT PLANNING SESSION...
ALL RIGHT, COPS, WE'VE GONE OVER IT A DOZEN TIMES.
SO, IF SGT. MACE HAS ISSUED ALL NECESSARY WEAPONS...
...LET'S GO NAIL THOSE PARKING VIOLATORS.
WHUP WHUP WHAP
VROOWWW
VROOOOM
POLICE
SHREEEEEE
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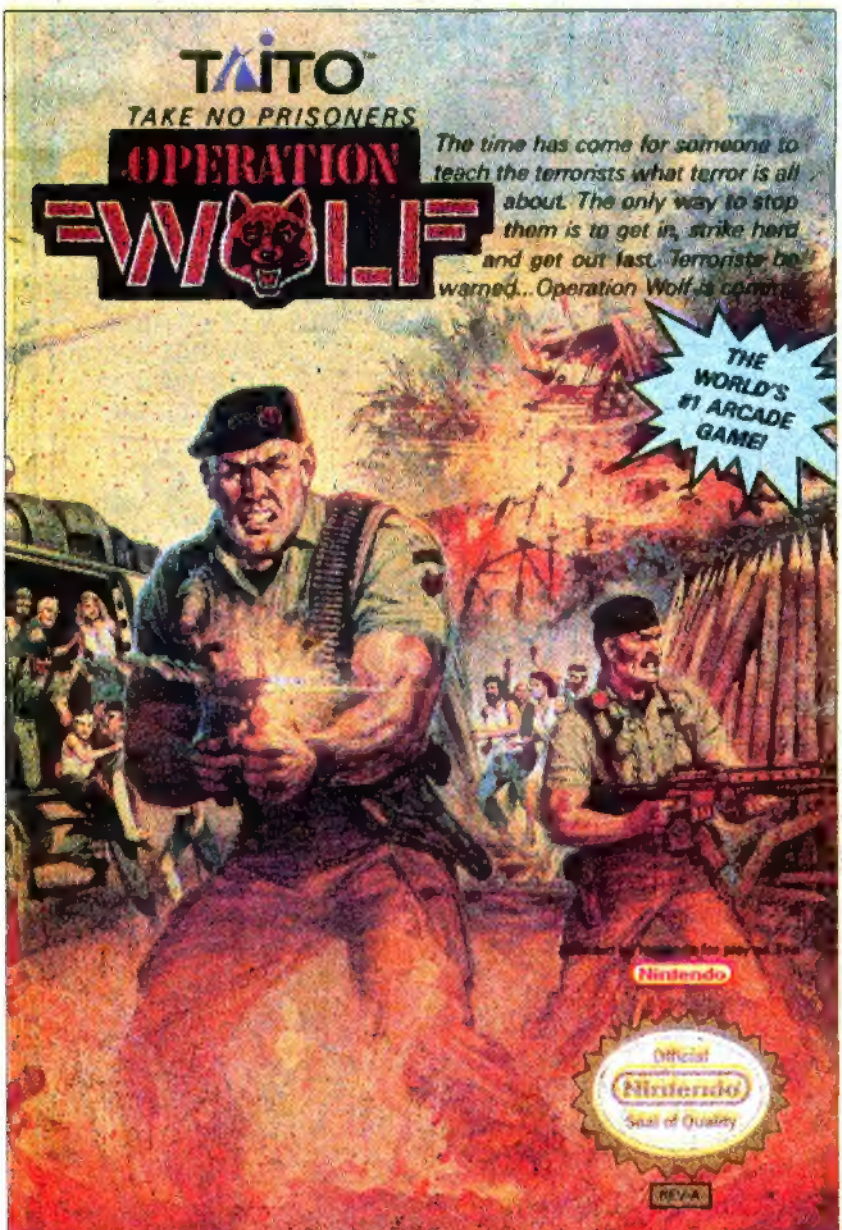
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AWRIGHT, CROOKS, DA T'REE NEW THUGS IN DA BACK ARE NIGHTMARE, BULLIT, AN' LOUIE DA PLUMBER.
AS FOR DA PURPOSE O' DIS MEETIN', WE'RE GONNA SEE JUST HOW GOOD DESE NEW GUYS ARE REAL SOON.
BAAD IS GOOD
KNOWIN' B.P. VESS AN' DA REST O' DEM STINKIN' COPS, IT'D BE JUST LIKE 'EM TO SEIZE ON DA PIDDLIN' MATTER O' SOME UNPAID PARKIN' TICKETS AS AN EXCUSE TO COME HERE AN' HARASS ME...
...MAYBE EVEN BUST UP DIS LUXURIOUS PENTHOUSE OFFICE A LITTLE BIT-- BUT O' COURSE, IF AN' WHEN THEY DO SHOW UP, WE AIN'T GONNA LET 'EM!
SKREEE!
MATTER O' FACT, WE'RE GONNA RESIST SUCH TACTICS TO DA BITTER DEATH!
AW, UNCLE BOSS...
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST LET THE COPS TEMPORARILY ARREST US, SETTLE UP BY PAYING THE PARKING TICKET FINES, AND GO HOME, HUH?
¡GASP!
BAAD IS GOOD
EESH.
OOOOOH.
WHAD I SAY?
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HEH HEH HEH.
FOR DA BENEFIT OF DA T'REE NEW HOODS PRESENT...
....DA ONLY REASON I PUT UP WITH BERSERKO HERE IS CUZ HE HAPPENS TO BE AN IRON-POOR-BLOOD RELATIVE.
UDDERWISE, I WOULD INSTANTLY ENCASE IN CEMENT DA FEET OF ANY GAZOONEY WHO DARED TO AINT AT DA OUTRAGEOUS AN' HORRIFIC SUGGESTION WHICH HE JUST SPOKE.
NOW HEAR DIS...
WE'RE CROOKS -- AN' WE'RE GONNA CONDUCT OURSELVES LIKE CROOKS TO DA STINKIN' END!
KABRATCH
FOR DA LAST TIME, NEPHEW BERSERKO, DA ESSENCE O' CROOKERY IS TWOFOLD!
ON DA ONE HAND, WE OBEY NO LAWS. ON DA UDDER HAND, WE AINT TO NO WRONGDOINS!
WE LIE, CHEAT, AN' STEAL -- BUT WE NEVER DO TIME AN' WE NEVER PAY FINES! BRIBES, YES -- FINES, NO! GOT DAT?!
UH... GEE, UNC, COULD YOU MAYBE GO THROUGH IT ONE MORE T?..
NEVER MIND! WHEN DA COPS SHOW, JUST BLAST 'EM! DAT GOES FOR ALL O' YOUSE!
AS FOR ME..
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, BUS BOSS!
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YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT--
HUH--? ALREADY--?!
AND SILENT, HE SAYS! SILENT--?!
HELL--? DION'T YOUSE JAMOKES JUST HEAR ME?
OH YEAH
ARSHWAY TO MAINFRAME...
BAM BAM BAM
BANG BANG BANG
BRRRAT BUDDA-BUDDA
CHUN CHUN
KEE SH
GOT A COUPLE OF NEW CHARGES YOU CAN ADD TO THOSE PARKING VIOLATIONS-- RESISTING ARREST AND ASSAULTING AN OFFICER OF THE LAW.
I THINK WE HIT HIM, BOSS!
NEW CHARGES NOTED AND ENTERED... OFFICER HIGHWAY.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
UH OH-- SOUNDS LIKE THE JETCYCLE WAS HIT.. IN THE BOMB-CARRIAGE ASSEMBLY...
BANG
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OOPS
BHWOOOOMS
YES! HE WAS HIT, ALL RIGHT, AND HE JUST CRASHED-- APPARENTLY ON THE ROOF!
YEAH--? IF HE CREATED DAT HOLE IN DA CEILING--
-- DUMPIN' DIS DEBRIS ON MY MAGIC CARPET... DEN WHY AIN'T HE SPRAWLED AMIDST DA DEBRIS? WHERE IS HE?!
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN COUNSEL...
ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU...
BLAST HIM AGAIN!!
BANG BANG BANG BAM BAM BRRRR!
CHUN CHUN
UH, I HATES TO BRING THIS UP, BIG BOSS, BUT A SCAN OF THE STREETS BELOW INDICATES THAT--
-- THE COPS HAVE ARRIVED-- IN FULL FORCE!
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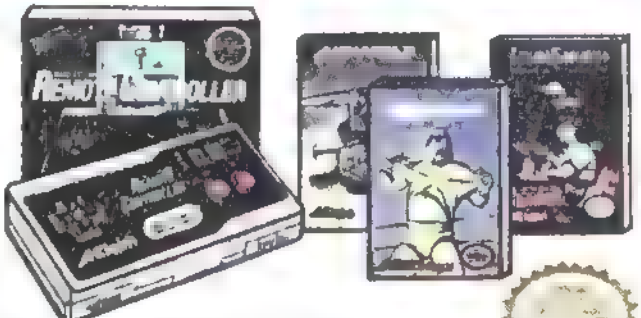

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...COME THROUGH...
SKRASHH
RRARRRUNCH!
...HERE..?
VESS TO ALL COPS DOWN BELOW.. HANDS UP!
KRRRROOOM!

NICE WORK WITH THE WRECKING BALL, BULLSEYE.
THANK YOU, SIR.
LOMSARM-- WAIT FOR ALL CEILING AND WALL RUBBLE TO HIT THE STREET...
...THEN MOVE IN TO BREAK YOUR ASSAULT.
ROGER, AGENT VESS -- WE'RE READY.
KA-ROOOM
POLICE LINE
ALL RIGHT, COPS-- MOVE IN AND TAKE THE HIGH GROUND!
WHOOO? ALL THE WAY TO THE PENTHOUSE!
SHEESH... DIS IS GONNA BE SOME CLEANUP JOB...
USUALLY IT'S ONLY A NEW DESK I GOTTA WORRY ABOUT.
AWRIGHT, YOU T'REE NEW GUYS-- GET DOWN TO DA LOBBY AN' FORM DA FIRST LINE O' DEFENSE!
BEHAVIOR, YOU AN' YOUR JAMOKES, TAKE DA STAIRWELL!
RIGHT, BOSS!
OKAY, UNK.
BUTTONS, YOUR TEAM STAYS HERE WITH ME.
GOT IT, BOSS.
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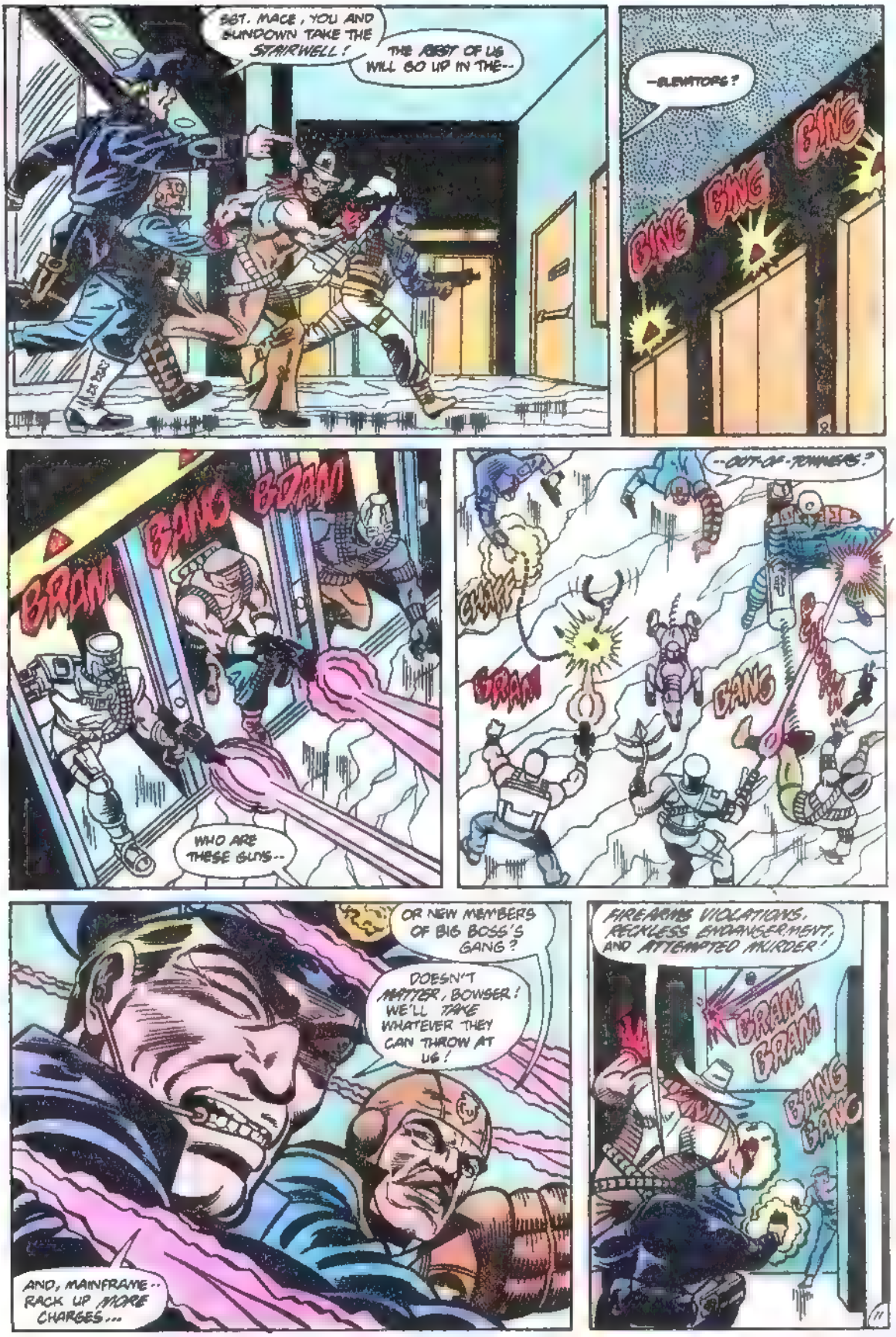
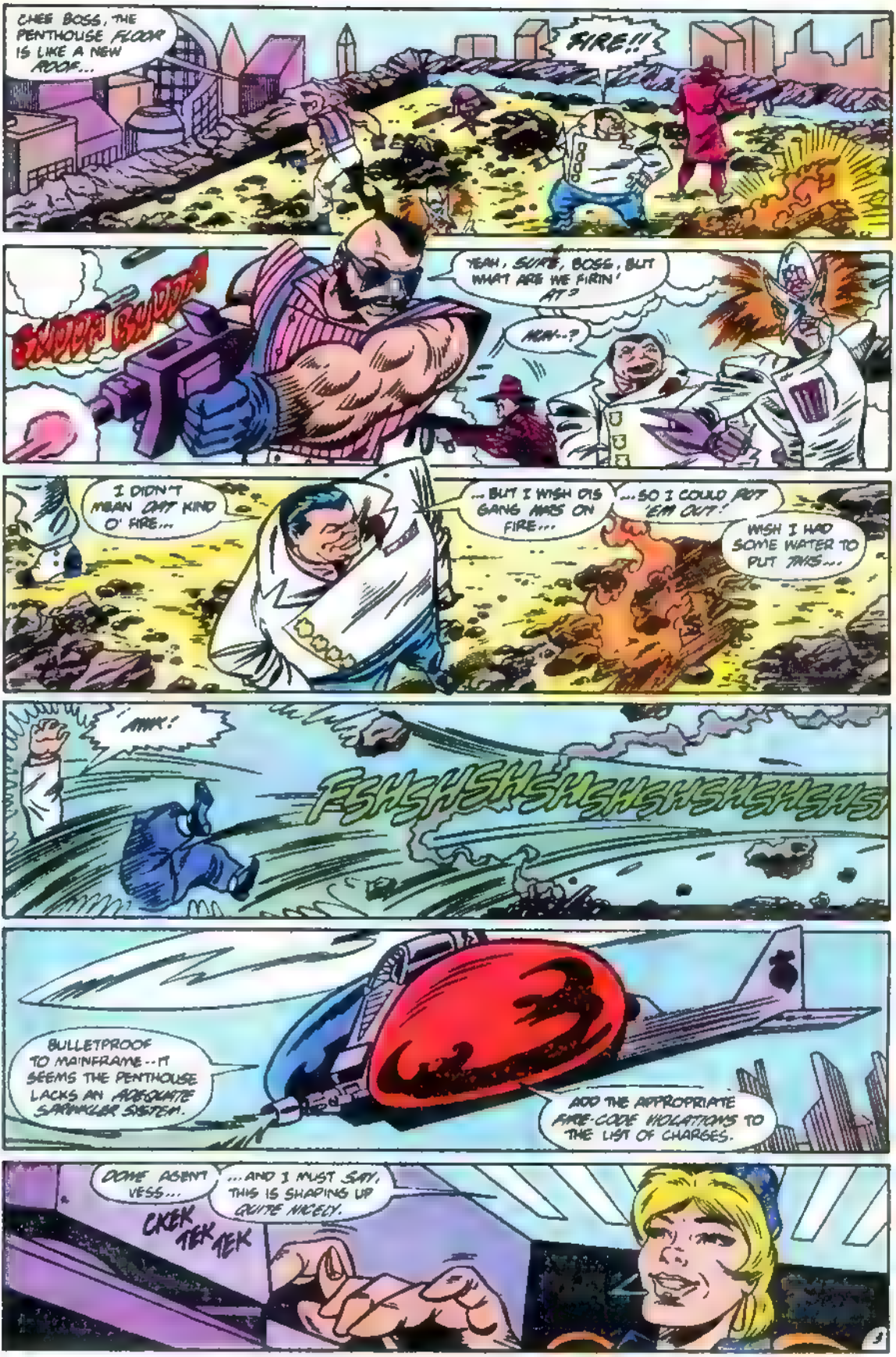

SGT. MACE, YOU AND SUNDOWN TAKE THE STAIRWELL!
THE REST OF US WILL GO UP IN THE--
--ELEVATORS?
BING
BING
BING
BRAM
BANG
BOOM
WHO ARE THESE GUYS--
--OUT-OF-TOWNERS?
BRAM
BANG
OR NEW MEMBERS OF BIG BOSS'S GANG?
DOESN'T MATTER, BOWSER! WE'LL TAKE WHATEVER THEY CAN THROW AT US!
AND, MAINFRAME-- RACK UP MORE CHARGES...
FIREARMS VIOLATIONS, RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, AND ATTEMPTED MURDER!
BRAM BRAM
BANG BANG

ROGER, LONGARM
WHAT ABOUT THE RUBBLE IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING-- SHOULD I ADD LITTERING?
NEGATIVE, MANIFRAME-- THAT WAS OUR JOHNS- WE WANT TO KEEP THIS DUST FAIR
DID YOU HEAR THAT SUNDOWN?
SHORE DID, MACE--
--SOUNDS LIKE LONGARM AN' THE OTHERS RAN INTO A RUCKUS DOWN THERE...
JUST KEEP GOING SUNDOWN' THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES--AND WE'VE GOT TO--
DIE COPPERS!
YEAH
EAT HOT LEAD!!
BRAM
BRAM
NO--
--THANKS
JUST OUR LUCK! IT'S THE ONE-MAN SWAT TEAM!
DON'T BE A FORGETTIN' ME YARMINTS!
OH, GREAT-- HE'S WITH THE DEAD-EYE COWBOY!


CHEE BOSS, THE PENTHOUSE FLOOR IS LIKE A NEW ROOF...
FIRE!!
YEAH, SURE, BOSS, BUT WHAT ARE WE FIRIN' AT?
HUH--?
I DIDN'T MEAN DAT KIND O' FIRE...
...BUT I WISH DIS GANG WAS ON FIRE...
...SO I COULD ROT 'EM OUT!
WISH I HAD SOME WATER TO PUT DIS...
AWK!
FSHSHSHSHSHSHSHSHSHS
BULLETPROOF TO MAINFRAME--IT SEEMS THE PENTHOUSE LACKS AN ADEQUATE SPRINKLER SYSTEM.
ADD THE APPROPRIATE FIRE-CODE VIOLATIONS TO THE LIST OF CHARGES.
DOME AGENT VESS...
...AND I MUST SAY, THIS IS SHAPING UP QUITE NICELY.
CKEK TEK TEK

AS WILD CARDS GO, THESE THREE NEW THUGS ARE ACES.
MAYBE, BARRICADE... BUT THEY LOOK LIKE JOKERS!
ARROYO...THIS LOBBY BATTLE IS HANGING US UP, THROWING OFF THE ASSAULT TIMETABLE! WE NEED SOME BACKUP TO SAVE TIME!
ROGER, P.J.!
BACKUP COMING RIGHT UP...
...FROM THE BACK!
SKRASHHHHH
RANK!
RANK!

KEESH
KA-HOOM
THE THREE NEW CROOKS ARE SENT FLYING--
--STUNNED, MAYBE EVEN KAYOED.
GOOD WORK, HARDTOP! WITH LUCK, WE CAN STILL MAINTAIN SCHEDULE!
POLICE
YOU STAY ABOVE, DONNY, AND WAIT FOR THE REGULAR POLICE TO TAKE THEM INTO CUSTODY.
WILL DO, P.J. GOOD LUCK UP THERE!
XO, UNCLE BOSS -- WE RAN INTO TROUBLE ON THE STAIRS!
WHAT DA--?
STAIRS
THAT MAZE IS UNREAL!

IT'S THAT ONE-MAN COW-TEAM -- AND HE'S WITH THE SMARTBOY!
WHAT ARE YOU --
IT GETS WORSE, BOSS -- 'CAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE THE ENTIRE BUILDING IS SURROUNDED DOWN THERE.
WHAT --!?
IT'S A REGULAR ARMY OF REGULAR POLICE! WE CAN'T EVEN REACH OUR UNDERGROUND ESCAPE ROUTES...
THEN, WE'LL MAKE OUR LAST STAND HERE, YA GOOFY GAZOONEYS!
'AN' DA FIRST CROOK WHO DISHONORS HIMSELF GETS IT FROM ME!
I'M BIG BOSS AN' I CARRY A BIG STICK!
IT AIN'T SO BIG, UNCLE
'TAIN'T FAIR, MACE! THESE GOLDARN STAIRS ARE TAKIN' A DOG'S AGE TO CLIMB. LONGARM AN THE OTHERS'VE GOT THE EASY WAY IN THE ELEVATORS!
THINK OF IT THIS WAY, SUNDOWN -- THEY'LL HAVE IT ALL CLEANED UP BY THE TIME WE REACH THE TOP...
BUT:
YOU WAS SAYIN', PARDNER?
UH... GUESS THE ELEVATORS ARE SLOWER THAN I THOUGHT -- THE OTHERS AREN'T HERE...

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AHH AGAIN! SCATTER!
WHERE TO--?
I THOUGHT WE CRASHED!
AND JUST THEN...
BANG
BANG
BANG
...THE CAVALRY COMES TO THE RESCUE.
WAL, WAL, WAL... YOUR TIMIN'S A LITTLE OFF.
...BUT IF IT'S A NICK OF TIME WE HAVE TO TAKE...
WE'LL TAKE THE NICK.
ROAR!
POLICE

SOUND EFFECTS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS...
H-CHOW!
P-CHOOWK
GOOK!
POLICE
KAVAOUM
HEADS UP!
BARRT
EN GARDE, COMBOT!
BRAM
BRAM
BOOOM
HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE, COPPER?
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YEAH -- AND DON'T YOU EVER LEARN, CROOK?
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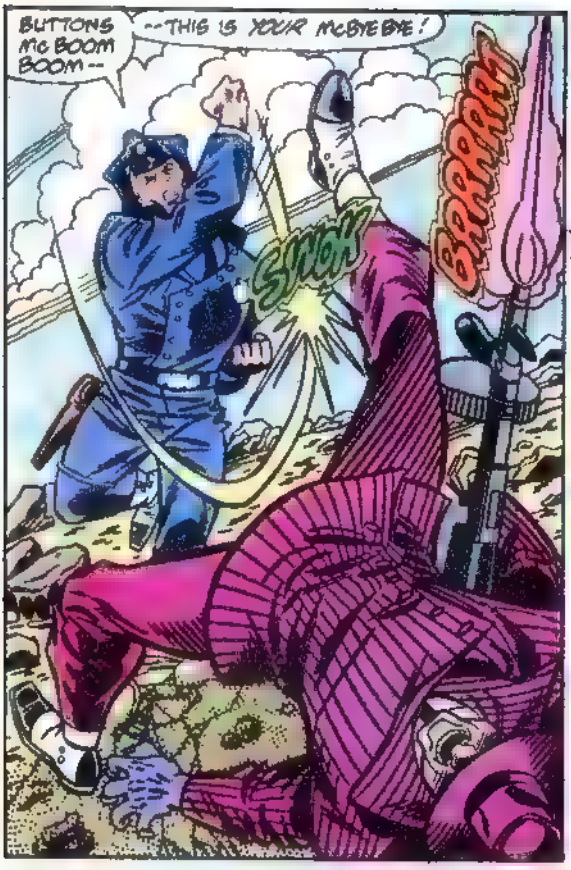
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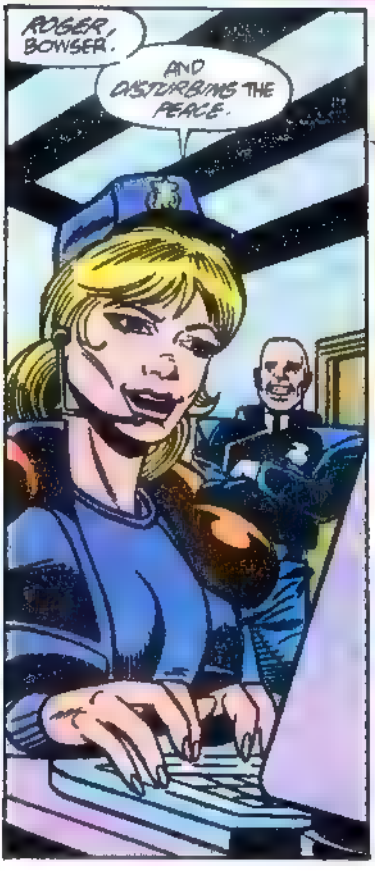
--THIS IS YOUR McBYEBYE!
SWOK!
BARRRRR!

HEY, MAINFRAME-- HOW ABOUT ADDING MAYHEM TO THE LIST OF CHARGES?
YOWTCH!
KRUNCH!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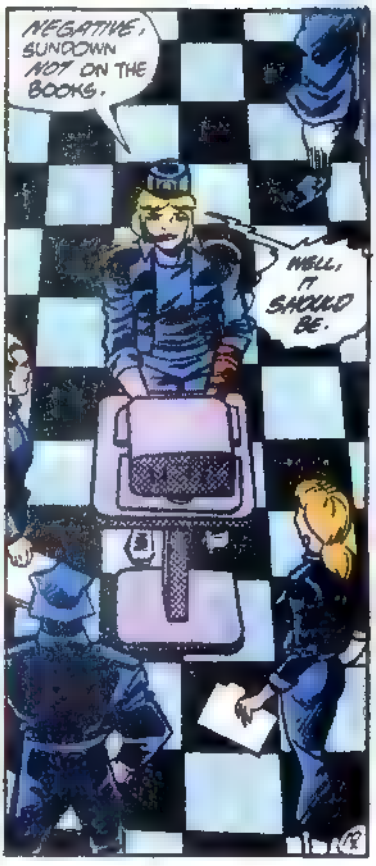
OW! AN' HOW 'BOUT NOSE KNOCKIN' TOO?!
BHOP!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WELL, IT SHOULD BE.

ROWF!
QRET! HOLD STILL, RUH TIN CAN! VEET!
VEET! YEEPS! JEET!
BUEEBOHHHHHHHH!!
GRUFF!
KEEP BLASTIN'!
BANG
BANG
EVERY CROOK BLASTS RIGHT DOWN TO DA LAST BANG!
MY SHIELD..!
UH OH
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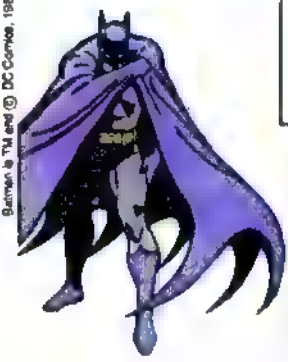

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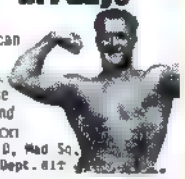

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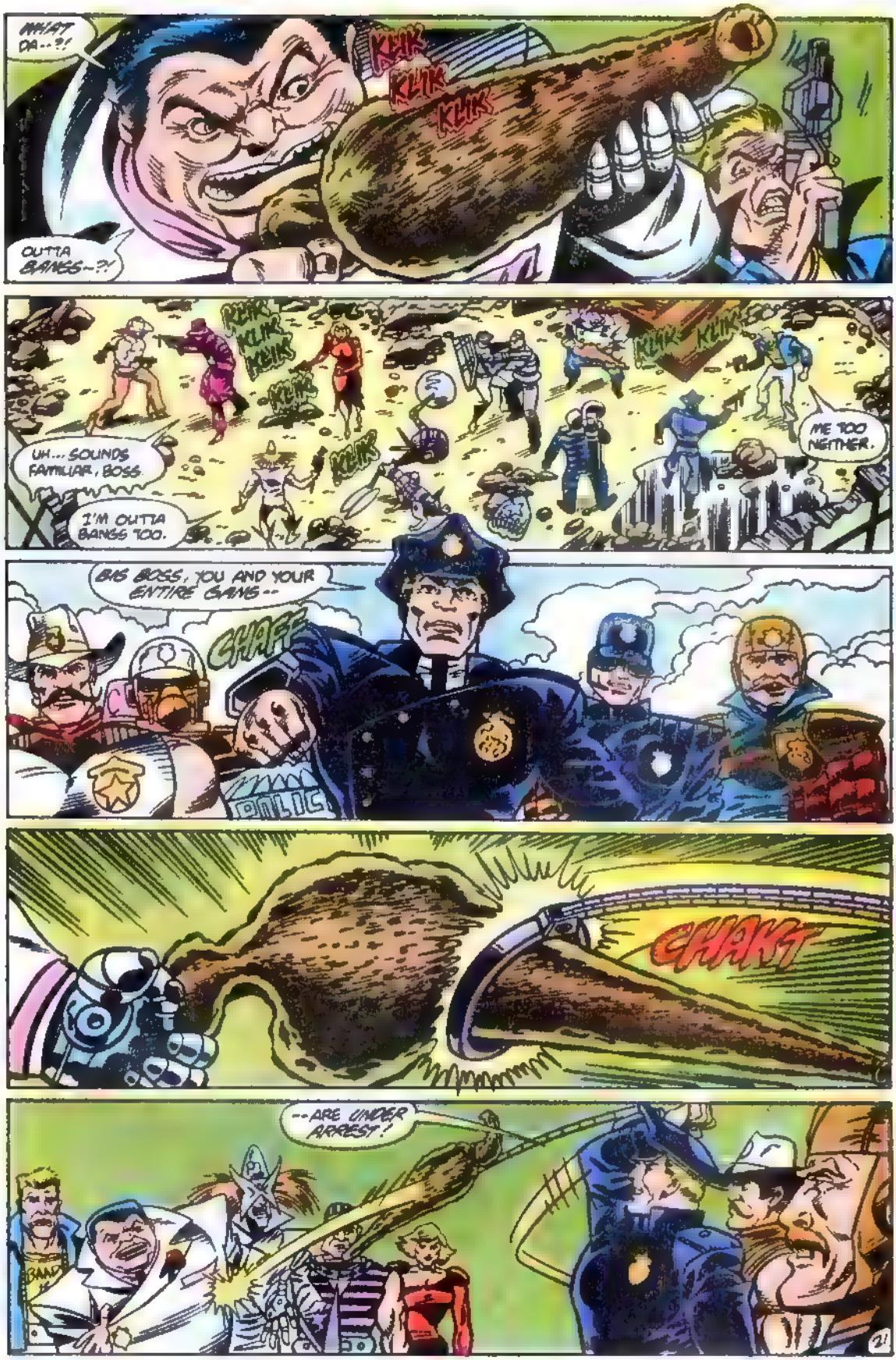
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UH... SOUNDS FAMILIAR, BOSS.
I'M OUTTA BANGS TOO.
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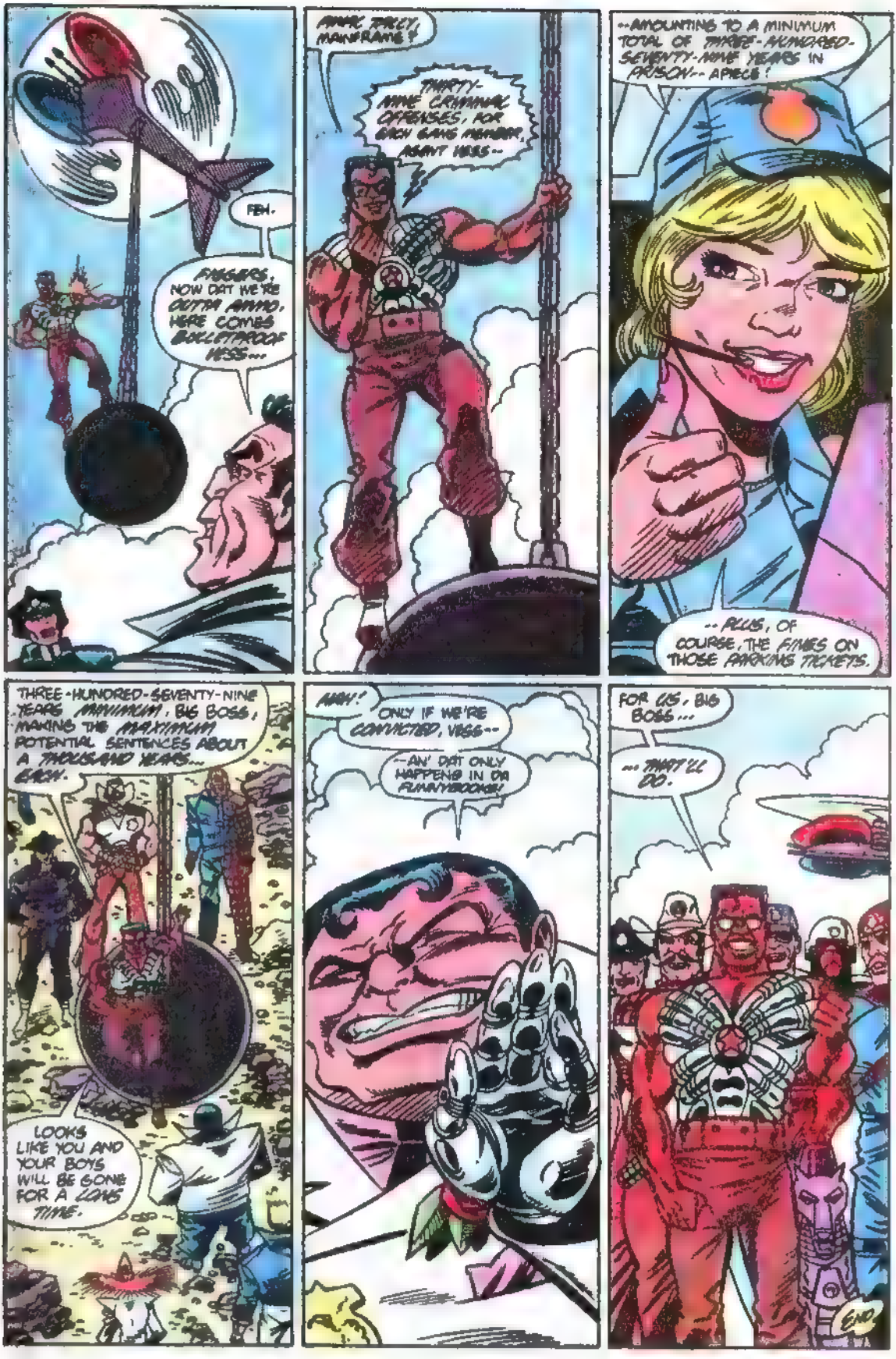
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Okay, let's try to get in as many as possible.

Dear Doug and Alan,

The cover of issue #1 is the best one yet! The story was great! Before I go, I would like to ask some questions: Is Big Boss's left hand robot-like or is it some kind of glove? Alan, are you new in comics? If you're not new, what other comics have you done? I'm sorry if the letter is too short.

Belmont (Stakes) Magill
Vine Grove, KY

Big Boss's hand is more robot-like than a glove. Alan has been in the comics industry for quite some time with numerous credits at DC, Marvel, and elsewhere.

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Dear COPS,

I've been reading all your comic books and watching all your shows. I also have some of your action figures and vehicles. I even drew pictures of you. I think that your organization is really great! I would like to join a fan club of yours. If you can, please send specific information as soon as possible. Remember, I'm one of your biggest fans!

Jimmy Racioppo
35 Green Meadow Road
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Anyone want to write Jimmy and maybe start one of your own?

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Dear Mr. Helfer,

I love COPS! I like Highway, Mace, Bowser & Blitz, and Bulletproof. One question, though: why don't you make [the] female [figures]? You need to sell them. You also need to sell Squinky. Then we can do more with our figures. I also read COPS comics. I love issue #12!

Josh Gard
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Dear COPS,

In agreement with D. Wiggins, I will definitely purchase Mainframe, Nightshade, and Ms. Demeanor. I have the complete collection and was disappointed when they weren't included in the new ones.

Scott Guthrie
Bowling Green, OH

*****

Dear COPS,

As an avid collector of both comics and figures I read with interest the letter from D. Wiggins in issue #12. Personally, I would buy Nightshade and Mainframe figures if they were available. In fact, some friends of mine (one of whom is a police officer) are boycotting COPS figures because Mainframe isn't available! True! Sorry!

Name Withheld by Request

Okay, try to see the Hasbro side. Hasbro has been in the toy biz for some time now and if it is their experience that female characters of a toyline made primarily for boys do not sell, then they are not being unfair and are certainly not being sexist. If, however, you prove them wrong by a massive letter-writing "I will buy women COPS 'N' CROOKS" campaign, then how can they resist?

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Dear Editor:

Just to answer all those people who think Mainframe is less a valuable member of COPS because she doesn't pack a gun or see much "action": She's in charge of the COPS computer, which shows she has extraordinary intelligence and can be responsible for a lot.

Henry Russell
Santa Monica, CA

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Dear COPS,

I read your comics. The case of the T.H.U.G.S. R US, COPS File #13. The best part of it was when Longarm shot the cuff out of his power cuff and it broke, but Dr. Badvibes didn't look the same in the comic. When we got our satellite dish, I was watching your show every day at five o'clock. I've got almost the whole set of COPS. I have Bulletproof, Longarm, Sgt. Mace, Barricade, Highway, Sundown, Bowzer and Blitz, Dr. Badvibes, Louie the Plumber, Berserko, Buttons McBoomBoom, Rock Krusher, Big Boss, and Turbo.

I enjoy all the COPS. I would like to be a Policeman when I grow up. Is there going to be a sticker book? Is there going to be a T-shirt with the COPS on it? Is there going to be a poster? Maybe you can start a COPS 'N' CROOKS fan club.

Stephen Mynott
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None of those plans are in the works, but maybe others can write to you.

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Dear COPS Crew,

You people have a runaway hit on your hands. Collected issues 1-13. Loved them all.

I must confess a dark secret. I am in love with Dr. Badvibes. He's so jivin' rad to the max, so totally hip, chimy cham jam jammin, all the way down to his ultimately killer shades. Love Buzzbomb (great name); keep him the way he is. I mean, where would Empire City be without its main mad genius and where would the crooks get all their prime hardware tech-gizmos?

Always had a soft spot for the off-the-wall, outrageous brainy criminal dicey types. Badvibes tops them all.

On the syndicated TV shows, he's a lot different. Much tougher, sneakier, and downright flamboyant. BV treats Buzzbomb like an inferior while Kranial seems to think of his creation as his "children" in a demented way. Between the TV show and the comic, some changes were made by DC to make it workable, but I enjoy Badvibes both ways.

Got some requests and questions:

1) In issues #1-3, Badvibes's glasses don't have ear holders. Now he has improvised a chin strap. So how did the specs stay on his nose during #1-3?

2) The jump suit in #3 is a better costume style for him than the lab uniform Dr. BV wears now. Please try to go back to the original.

3) Why did he experiment on himself? I know he's amoral, but charmingly so. Could the comic go into the reason(s) behind his decision?

4) Why did he build Buzzbomb?

5) Are there any plans to get a "human" love interest going for Badvibes except those puttering around his lab? If not, could I volunteer? I think he's really cute. (If you like, I'm lovesick. One of my girl friends at school who's a COPS fan has a crush on Longarm and he's married!)

6) Last question: What led Badvibes to a life of crime and turned him into the awesomely mox dude he is today?

Don't wimp him out! I'll jive to his pipe viber anytime. Here's to the crown prince of criminal geniuses, the cyber-shaded cyber mage who can ride the computer matrix terminal like a 21st century techno-mancer, Dr. Badvibes.

Thanks for listening to my "otter" nonsense.

Elsbeth Jordan
Burbank, CA

We prefer the friendlier relationship between him and Buzzbomb. In order: 1) he tried his own brand of glue to keep his glasses on that wound up tearing off

his eyebrows; 2) the ever fashion-conscious Doc has a suit for every occasion, but we try to keep to the toy's garb; 3) he couldn't find any volunteers to experiment on (how about you, Elsbeth?); 4) around the crooks he needed some intelligent conversation and he got tired of talking to himself; 5) sorry, Elsbeth, but Dr. BV is married to his work; 6) he was working in a high school science lab and a fire spilled some chemicals on his head and ... no, that's another villain.

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Dear Publishers:

When I read your first issue I thought this was going to be a good comic and, as I've read it, I loved it. Keep up the good work.

Jorge Rodriguez
Astromelia I-32 Ext Royal Palm
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Dear Doug and Company,

I know it may be too late for my letter to appear in a COPS letter column, but I wanted to write you anyway and tell you how much I enjoyed your comic.

I started buying COPS with #4; I bought #s 5 and 6 right along with it. COPS #4 is my favorite of all the issues. The writing and the artwork are spectacular. The discovery of the bugs at the 647th, the assault on the precinct, Ms. Demeanor's foiled bank heist—it was all exciting. But, you know, the best parts of the story were the semi-romantic scenes between Highway and Mainframe and Berserko and Ms. Demeanor.

I really liked Highway's romantic overtures to Mainframe (and her caustic replies to them), but I don't believe he said "Your eyes, they're like limpid pools." Pretty old-fashioned for a future time. I half expected him to say next, "Ah, ma cherie, come with me to the Casbah." And the way Highway tricked Mainframe into kissing him—the cad! I loved it when he got his comeuppance at the end. As for the crooks, Ms. Demeanor's amorous declarations to Berserko were fun to read, even though she didn't mean them. And boy, did the punk sweat when he heard those words.

My favorite scenes were on page 9: panel four, where the COPS gathered in Bulletproof's office, and panel seven, where the crooks gathered in Big Boss's office. Oh, and page 12, the last panel where Bulletproof pulls off his shirt (I'm into beefcake—even metal beefcake).

Well, I read the sad news in *The Comics Buyer's Guide*: COPS would end with #15. At least it lasted longer than MASK. Anyway, thanks for the fun and excitement you gave me every month. It was worth every dollar I spent. I wish everybody success in their future endeavors.

D.K. Upshaw
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East Chicago, IN 46312-3537

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And this just in:

Dear COPS,

Issue number 14 was just great. Buttons McBoomBoom is one of my favorite crooks so I was happy to see him. Alan Kupperberg gives a unique style to this title. I am eagerly awaiting issue 15.

My favorite COPS are Hardtop, Mace, and Bullseye. My favorite crooks are Turbo Tu-Tone, Buttons McBoom-Boom, and Nightshade. I despise Dr. Badvibes and Rock Krusher. I think Mainframe has been over-used. If a female member of COPS is needed,why don't you use Mirage, who hasn't even been seen yet. Where is Mirage, anyway? She is a member of COPS, isn't she?

I do have a few questions that I hope you can answer.

1) Hasbro is releasing characters from the TV show like Hyena and Louie the Plumber. Will they be featured in the comic book?

2) Will you be dealing with the Mace-Nightshade romance?

3) Is a COPS Annual on the way?

Until next time ... "It's crime fightin' time!"

T.J. Schuessler
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Most of the answers should be evident now: 1) yes/no, 2) no, 3) no.

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To answer some questions:

We're sure Ryan Griffiths of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada will like this issue, with all the Crooks vs. COPS. Ryan likes the TRAMPLUR saga, but wants it to be dinosaurs next time. Yes, Buttons McBoomBoom doesn't kill, but that doesn't mean he doesn't hurt. With this issue we've incorporated more of the toys; would that we had more time. Rogue Cop got out of TRAMPLUR in issue #8 because Mainframe challenged him mano-a-mano, sort of. Ms. Demeanor hits Berserko because you always hurt the one you love. How do you join COPS? Simple: go to a future time and fight crime.

We got a lot of compliments from Luther Taylor III in Detroit, MI, who compared COPS to "Hill Street Blues" (except COPS is a cartoon, a comedy and less violent) and suggestions, including Big Boss's own book, called THE FAT MAN.

Thanks to avid COPS fans, Melanie McNeice and Kim Shank of Stouffville, Ontario, Canada. We wish we could have printed your long letter, but since most of your comments were on the TV show, we've sent your letter on to Hasbro. We have nothing to do with and can't explain the TV show—we just make good comics.

So, that about wraps it up. Thank you all for your support. There's no more time for fightin' crime. FLOPS STOPS SLOP'S SHOPS DROPS HOPST PLOPS POP'S PROPS TOPS MOPS COPS Z ... Wait, that's it: COPS! COPS! COPS! COPS! COPS! Take care of yourself.

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